



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Weaver Austin Villeneuve & Sampson LLP - IGT
Attn: IGT
P.O. Box 70250
Oakland, CA 94612-0250

COPY MAILED

JUN 24 2009

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
William J. Brosnan
Application No. 09/595,798
Filed: June 16, 2000
Attorney Docket No. IGT1P021/P000239-
001

ON PETITION

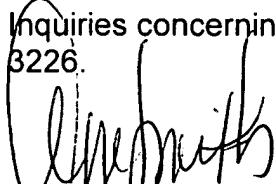
This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 13, 2008, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above application. The delay in responding is regretted.

The record shows that a Notice of Appeal was filed on July 18, 2007. However, a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review was mailed on September 14, 2007, which reset the time frame to be one month from the mailing of the decision or the balance of the two-month time limit from the receipt date of the notice of appeal, whichever was greater. Since petitioner could obtain an extension of time up to five months, the due date for the reply to the Panel Decision was due on March 14, 2007. Therefore, this application was held abandoned prematurely.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3714 for processing in accordance with this decision.

Inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.


Andrea Smith
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions